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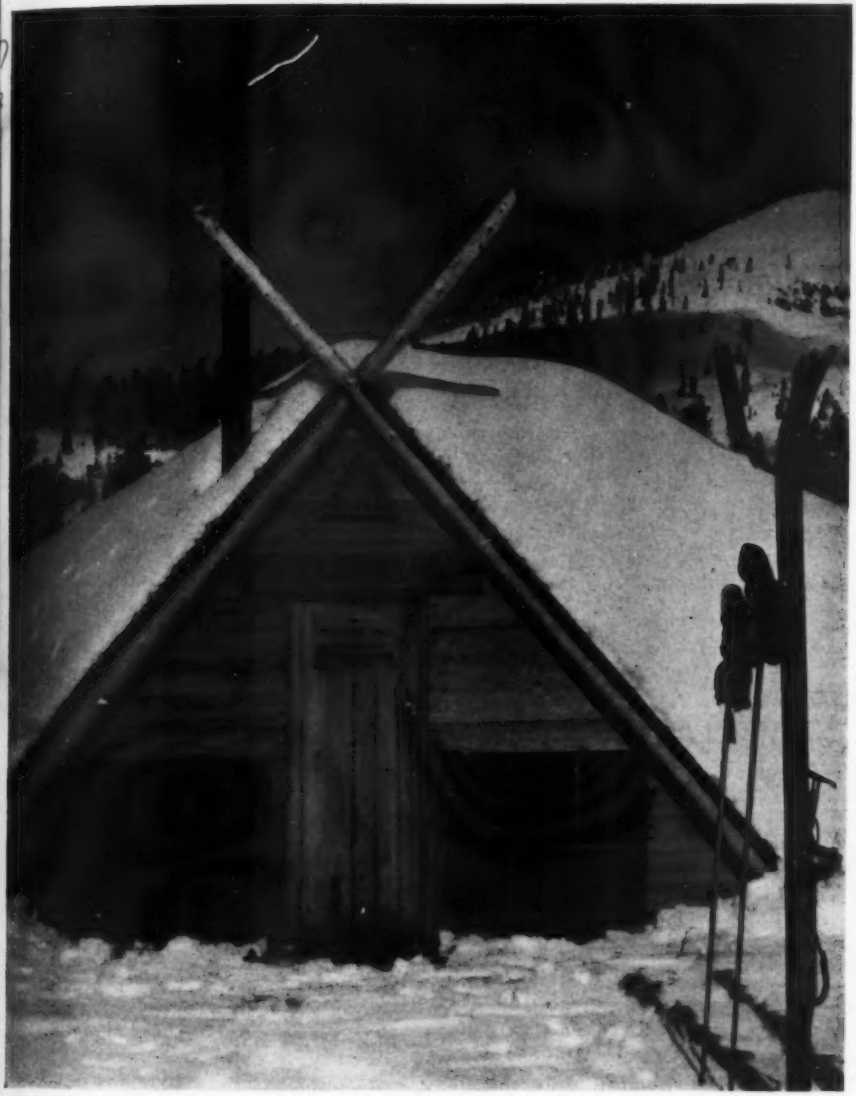

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Miscellany

Palo Alto, March 30

Editor—The picture heading the announcements of the 1948 outings in the February *SCB* . . . says "Near Pinchot Pass." I am quite sure that it should read "Near Foresters Pass." As a matter of fact it is on the north side of the Pass about two and three quarter miles from the summit. I have next to me a picture I took this summer from a spot not more than several hundred yards away from Mr. Wright's shot. I am sure that the peak in the center is Mount Stanford. . . . If I am wrong, I'm happy to learn that there is country around Pinchot quite as beautiful as that of Foresters. STANDISH M. MITCHELL

• We have one only out: we didn't say how "near Pinchot Pass."—Ed.

Uppsala, March 19

Editor—We should be most grateful if you would kindly send us on our exchange account the following items which we have not yet received: *Sierra Club Bulletin*, Vol. 31, Nos. 6, 8-12; Vol. 32, No. 12.

TÖNNES KLEBERG, *Librarian*
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• To librarians all over the world: these items do not exist. *SCB*, 31:"7" should have been numbered "6," and it wasn't until 1947 (Vol. 32) that we started publishing 11 issues per year (and then made only 10 mailings).—Ed.

San Francisco, March 28

Editor—Would it be possible for you to send me some information about photographs that are published in the *SCB*? . . . I would appreciate it if you could tell me what types you prefer, what sizes, and how they should be printed for reproducing.

PHILIP HYDE

• We prefer (*a*) selections from the annual exhibit (autumn), (*b*) a series which, with legends, can tell a story itself, (*c*) illustrations for articles. We'd like to see more winter photographs than we do. *Specifications:* 8x10, double-weight, *non*-ferrotyped, spotted, glossy, diamond-sharp prints preferred. Because loss in scale is inevitable in the halftone process, we like a full tonal scale to start with. Next year's color frontispiece is already printed.—Ed.

Missing line. The February *SCB* was half off the press before the pressman at Gillick's chanced to discover that the announcement of the Annual Dinner (May 1, Bellevue Hotel, S. F., $4.25 per plate; make reservations now) didn't make sense. A line was missing, and your editor didn't read the proof carefully enough. So the 3,000 members who didn't get the line may clip it now and paste it in. Here it is:

special seating should make their needs

Apologies for the several typographical errors last time. There are none in this issue.—Ed.

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. . . TO EXPLORE, ENJOY, AND PROTECT THE NATURAL MOUNTAIN SCENE . . .

For the April Record

About Whales

Mr. Thomas R. Rooney has sent us an Indian legend told to him by Mr. Ernest Evans, who is not an Indian but is Assistant Commissioner for the British Columbia Government Travel Bureau. Just as it should, the legend has a moral.

"One of the figures on a Kwakiutle Totem Pole from the north of Vancouver Island, is a symbolic Killer Whale. The whale is seen to have a man in its mouth and another on its back. This part of the totem tells a conservation story to the youth of the tribe.

"The story goes that in the days when all creatures spoke a common language the Kwakiutles were great hunters who molested the Killer Whale tribe as much for pleasure as for food. This annoyed the Whale tribe and Skanaw, the leader, called a conclave at which it was decided to put an end to this molestation. The Whales came off the Kwakiutle village and made great sport. The Indians quite naturally became very much excited, rolled their big canoes down to the beach, and held the ceremonial dance, after which the hunters got their best spears from the hidden places and set out after the school of Whales.

"The sun went down and came up again. It went down and came up yet again when Tzekumai, the chief of the Indians, realized that they were lost in an ocean which appeared to have no bounds. They were running short of water and had no food left in the canoes. He was about to call his tribe together for a powwow when Skanaw came up alongside and said, 'Tzekumai, you are lost. You have no food, no water, nor do you know which way to go. You are in our power. We have done this to you not only because you have tormented us but because you and your tribe have violated the law of the Creator who says "Thou shalt not kill more than is needed." Now if you want to come to terms, agree not to molest us any more and abide by this law, we will see that you get home. Otherwise there will be lamentation in your village.'

"Tzekumai called his tribe together, more than 100 canoes forming a close circle in the light mist of the rolling Pacific. Around them in one great circle patrolled the spouting Whales. For his tribe Tzekumai agreed to the demands, whereupon Skanaw took him in his mouth, and the chief of the hunters upon his back. The Whales came up under each canoe and the Kwakiutles were safely deposited ashore. Since then no Indian has taken more game or fish than he needed for food, which partly explains why in British Columbia it is found in such abundance."

One Per Cent

From 1864, when Yosemite was set aside for the nation's enjoyment, up to 1947, with the creation of the Everglades National Park, in Florida, we have little by little but steadily taken steps that have led to the creation of 28 national parks—28 in about 84 years. Is that doing rather well or not? The United States has an area (quick, the atlas) of 3,600,000 square miles, including Alaska and Hawaii. The total area ad-

ministered by the Park Service—historical and other national monuments as well as the 28 parks—is almost one per cent of that area. Most of that one per cent—for example, the 3,000 square miles of Mount McKinley National Park—is not very arable, and what few resources it may contain ought certainly to be considered as reserve which must stay in the bank.

But what a very small piece that one per cent is, anyway! With our population increasing, can we afford to let any part of this area, with its recreational and restorative function, be taken away? As John Barnard said in his article on Jackson Hole in the February *SCB*, "It is our duty and privilege to preserve for [the future citizens] the areas we now have and more besides. For what is enough today will be too little tomorrow."

A New Assistant

Conservation problems have become a major business for the conservation committee's chairman and secretary as well as the secretary and editor of the club, all of whom spend most of their own time on the conservation work of the club. Details have increased unremittingly and much correspondence has become necessary in carrying out the club's responsibilities. Therefore, at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the club, Charlotte Mauk was appointed to fill a new position which formally bears no title but actually is that of assistant to the secretary. We know that her long experience with and interest in conservation, as well as in writing and editing, will make her of invaluable help in this position.

* * *

From the California Conservation Council's pamphlet entitled, "Outdoor Good Manners the Year Round": "Leave a clean roadside . . . and a clean camp" and "burn, bury, or take home your trash."

Tidy skiers too often forget, however, when they bury their tin cans in the snow, that the snow melts and the insoluble tin remains to mar the summer landscape. It may seem late to be mentioning this, but it can be a reminder to those who travel on foot or on skis.—H. T. P.

Election Returns

In the annual election held April 10 a total of 2,871 ballots was cast and the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Ansel Adams, Phil S. Bernays, David R. Brower, Lewis F. Clark, William E. Colby, Glen Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Weldon F. Heald, Alexander Hildebrand, Walter L. Huber, Oliver Kehrlein, Richard Leonard, Norman Livermore, Jr., Charlotte E. Mauk, and Bestor Robinson.

Chapter Executive Committees, 1947-48

Loma Prieta.—Wilma Lester (Chairman), Jerome H. Parrish (Vice-Chairman), Robert Cassel (Secretary), Elmo A. Robinson (Treasurer), Robert H. Geisler, Hermann L. Horn, Frank H. Lewis.

Mother Lode.—Frederick B. Holmes (Chairman), Hynton Sharman (Vice-Chairman), Elizabeth Ebberts (Secretary-Treasurer), Freda M. Egbert, Harry C. Johnson, Norma L. Peterson, Stella Swenson.

Riverside.—Charles F. Marshall (Chairman), Richard Drake (Vice-Chairman), Candice Cole (Secretary), Vera Marti (Treasurer), Kenneth Buck, John E. Dole, Elsie Ellis.

San Francisco Bay.—Edward H. Grubb (Chairman), Edgar Wayburn (Vice-Chairman), Helen M. Rudy (Secretary), Herbert C. Arner (Treasurer), Charles H. Apple, Jr., Elsa Bailey, Cicely M. Christy, Jack Dearth, Howard Koch.

Southern California.—James L. Gorin (Chairman), Leroy Arnold (Vice-Chairman), Richard H. Trimble (Secretary), Irene Charnock (Treasurer), E. W. Cunningham, Harold Edwards, Helen Henry, Peggy Hubbard, Ralph Johns.

BUTANO FOREST NEEDS YOUR HELP. The daily newspapers are recording the latest emergencies in the Butano redwoods. Several pages of the next issue of the *SCB* will be devoted to them. Meanwhile the Butano Associates need your help in getting the campaign under way (address c/o Sierra Club) and Save-the-Redwoods League will act as custodian for contributions (mark them "for Butano") toward this State Park.

LAKE SOLITUDE. The grassy meadow will be inundated at high water and a mudflat in late summer. *Photo courtesy The Wilderness Society.*

Should Lake Solitude Be Dammed?

The Cloud Peak Primitive Area in northeastern Wyoming is a land of alpine lakes and peaks. Passing through its center, the lofty Bighorn Mountains provide granite basins for the myriad lakes. In one of these basins, at the foot of Cloud Peak, lies Lake Solitude, the scenic and recreational center of the area.

But all is not peaceful at Lake Solitude. Urged by a few ranchers in the valley below, the Bureau of Reclamation has proposed that the lake be converted into a reservoir to provide irrigation for valley lands. With a dam at its lower end Lake Solitude will be drowned in its own waters. The grassy meadow that serves as a campground will be inundated at high water and a mudflat in late summer.

Mindful of this, conservation organizations and civic groups protested the proposal when the Bureau of Reclamation held public hearings at Cody and Basin, Wyoming, early in February.

At the hearings it was brought out that the dam would raise the level of the lake by 54 feet, impounding sufficient water to irrigate 2,300 acres of new land and to provide supplementary irrigation for 4,500 acres of land now under cultivation. It was stated that the estimated cost of the dam, access roads, and pumping plants might run in excess of $1,500,000. Since about one third of the land to be irrigated is owned by two people, it would seem that this amounts to a substantial subsidy for a very small group of beneficiaries.

Many dude-ranch owners and civic groups testified to the value of the Lake Solitude region as a scenic and recreational area. This set the stage for the eternal argument of economic need versus recreational need. We feel that it is not right that each projected encroachment on the wilderness be proposed on the basis of economic need versus recreational and scenic value. On these terms every wilderness area can be liquidated under the pressure of repeated assault. Every government agency to whom public lands are entrusted should take the attitude that there must be adequate scenic and recreational areas in the United States preserved in their

natural state, inviolate from attacks from those who would seek to exploit them for economic gain. There is a point beyond which no economic return is worth the destruction of our diminishing wilderness.

Even though Wyoming is far from California, the Sierra Club is interested in the Lake Solitude matter, and has protested the proposed action not because of opposition to dams, but because of the implications of a dam's being constructed in an established wilderness area. The precedent established by such action can be conveniently used for similar encroachment in the future on wilderness areas in any state, and California may be next.

JOHN R. BARNARD

Conservation in Congress

A new title—Senate Resolution 179 (Senator Butler, Nebraska). Changes the name of the Senate *Committee on Public Lands* to the *Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs*. The resolution was passed by unanimous consent and made effective January 28. This committee handles much legislation in which we are interested.

N.P.S. land-purchase bill.—S. 2132 (Senator Butler, Nebraska). Establishes a National Park Land Commission and provides for the acquisition of lands within areas subject to the primary administrative jurisdiction of the National Park Service. (Referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs 2/5/48.)

The Park Service has long been plagued by the private lands which lie within the boundaries of the national parks and monuments. S. 2132 will provide a commission to supervise and approve a land-acquisition program as well as an appropriation of $20,000,000 to become available at the rate of $1,250,000 annually to finance the purchases.

Another section of the bill provides that in lieu of taxes, 25 per cent of park and monument receipts may be used to reimburse counties within whose boundaries park or monument lands lie. However the total amount which a county may receive annually may not exceed 40 per cent of its revenues from all other sources. This provision in the bill would remove one of the main points of argument advanced by the opponents of the Jackson Hole National Monument.

National-forest lands.—H.R. 1826 (Mr. Hope, Kansas). Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to fine or imprison anyone who enters a national forest without lawful authority or permission while it is closed. (Approved by the President 2/10/48.) Many of our forests may be closed this summer owing to fire hazard.

Glacier National Park.—H.R. 4980 (Mr. d'Ewart, Montana). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire at reasonable prices and the State of Montana to convey to the United States, any lands, buildings, or other property, owned by Montana within the boundaries of Glacier National Park. (Approved by the President this month.) JOHN R. BARNARD.

Other Trails, Other Clubs

There are many outings in the world of outdoor clubs, and it is fun once in a while to join the outing of one of these other organizations, travel to new places, climb new mountains, find new friends.

The Mountaineers of Seattle, Washington, are coming down our way, and will camp at Tuolumne Meadows, making trips from their base in various directions. Some of them hope to make a quick trip south to take in Whitney. July 12-23.

The *Iowa Mountaineers* plan to enjoy the Wind River Range, August 7-22.

The *California Alpine Club* will probably travel the John Muir Trail south to the Devils Postpile, July 10-24.

The American Forestry Association plans for its *Trail Riders* a number of expeditions. There will be two trips to the Sawtooth Wilderness in Idaho, July 27-August 6, and August 10-20. Two trips also are planned to the Sun River Wilderness in Montana, July 5-16 and July 16-27. Other expeditions are planned in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, New Mexico, and California.

The *Contra Costa Hills Club* will pretty much follow in reverse the route of the first part of the High Trip, in August.

Treasurer's Report, 1947

To the Directors of the Sierra Club:

The following report on the finances of the Sierra Club for the year ended December 31, 1947, is respectfully submitted.

WALTER L. HUBER, *Treasurer*

CHANGES IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1947

	December 31, 1946	Year 1947 Received	Year 1947 Disbursed	December 31, 1947
Current funds				
General	$ 9,529.06	41,752.51	37,094.30	14,187.27
Lodge Current	1,216.76	2,111.72	1,542.10	1,786.38
Alfred P. Redington	291.61	.....	.....	291.61
John P. Dexter	500.00	.....	.....	500.00
Walter Mosauer	604.50	.....	.....	604.50
William Shand	.....	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00
Ralph S. Griswold	.....	146.50	.....	146.50
	12,141.93	47,010.73	38,636.40	20,516.26
Permanent funds				
Endowment	25,531.72	3,550.00	.....	29,081.72
Stephen T. Mather	10,000.00	.....	.....	10,000.00
Memorial Lodge	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00
Aurelia S. Harwood	5,000.00	.....	.....	5,000.00
Robert S. Gillett	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00
	42,531.72	3,550.00	.....	46,081.72
Total funds	$54,673.65	50,560.73	38,636.40	66,597.98

CHANGES IN CASH AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1947

	December 31, 1946	Year 1947 Additions	Year 1947 Reductions	December 31, 1947
Current funds				
Cash	$11,538.53	47,010.73	40,065.20	18,484.06
United States Savings Bonds Series G (cost)	.....	500.00	.....	500.00
United States Savings Bonds, Series F (redemption value at acquisition)	603.40	928.80	.....	1,532.20
	12,141.93	48,439.53	40,065.20	20,516.26
Permanent Funds				
Cash	2,595.83	3,550.00	5,934.66	211.17
United States Savings Bonds, Series G (cost)	22,000.00	.....	.....	22,000.00
Stocks of Corporations (cost)	17,935.89	5,934.66	.....	23,870.55
	42,531.72	9,484.66	5,934.66	46,081.72
Total funds	$54,673.65	57,924.19	45,999.86	66,597.98

DETAILS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1947

GENERAL FUND

Receipts		
Dues—Regular members	$22,627.00	
Junior and other reduced-rate members	2,582.00	
New members	12,036.00	
For prior years	180.00	
For future years	67.00	37,492.00
Interest and dividends from Endowment Fund		1,872.23
Bank interest		118.32
Publication sales		2,269.96
Total received		$41,752.51

Disbursements

General administration		
Rent—San Francisco	$ 1,500.00	
Los Angeles	849.00	
Salaries	5,952.37	
Election and directors' meetings	821.33	
Office expenses	3,419.42	12,542.12
Sierra Club Bulletin		
Magazine number (less advertising, $140)	6,993.57	
Monthly numbers (nine)	3,808.02	
Reprints	141.14	10,942.73
Sierra Club Handbook (less advertising, $75)		
Mailed to members	3,250.22	
Inventory	766.32	4,016.54
Allocation of dues to chapters		
San Francisco Bay	2,821.50	
Southern California	1,671.12	
Loma Prieta	430.88	
Mother Lode	210.75	
Riverside	105.25	5,239.50
Lodge Current Fund		1,506.00
Contributions		
Boy Scouts of America	50.00	
Natural Resources Council of America	100.00	150.00
Ski-area survey		211.49
Conservation		2,256.14
Le Conte's *Ramblings* and Starr's *Guide* publication		229.78
Total disbursed		$37,094.30

LODGE CURRENT FUND

Receipts

Interest from Memorial Lodge, Harwood and Gillett funds	$ 137.50	
Parsons Lodge receipts	242.67	
Mount Shasta	231.55	
General Fund	1,500.00	
Total received		$2,111.72

Disbursements

Le Conte Memorial Lodge	$ 387.71	
Parsons Memorial Lodge	250.00	
Mount Shasta	658.68	
Keller Peak and San Antonio ski huts	245.71	
Total disbursed		$1,542.10

ENDOWMENT FUND

Receipts

Forty life memberships	$ 3,450.00	
Holton bequest	100.00	
Total received		$3,550.00

Auditor's Report

I have examined the statements of changes in funds and changes in cash and investments of the Sierra Club for the year ended December 31, 1947. In connection therewith I examined or tested accounting records and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent I deemed appropriate.

In my opinion the foregoing statements present fairly the recorded receipts and disbursements and the changes in cash and investments for the year ended December 31, 1947, excluding the operating funds of the Clair Tappaan Lodge, outings, and chapters.

Clifford V. Heimbucher,
Certified Public Accountant

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